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MEMORANDUM FOR USAG Schinnen and tenant units in the USAG Schinnen Area of Responsibility.

SUBJECT: USAG Schinnen Policy Memorandum # 40 (Safety) Water Safety

1. PURPOSE. To provide guidance on approved swimming locations, and water areas declared off limits within the USAG Schinnen area of responsibility.

2. REFERENCES.

a. USAREUR Regulation 385-2, USAREUR Water Safety Program, 15 Mar 95

b. TB MED 575, Swimming Pools and Bathing Facilities, 02 Jul 93

c. AE Circular 190-24, Consolidated List of Off-Limits Areas, Establishments, Firms, Individuals, and Organizations, 10 Jun 05

3. APPLICABILITY. U.S. Armed Forces personnel, to include Department of the Army Civilians, and family members participating in water related activities.

4. GENERAL.

a. All commercially operated swimming facilities open to the public are authorized for use by personnel located within the USAG Schinnen. Unless specifically placed off limits by the commander, or Army in Europe Circular 190-24, all ocean and lake beaches, private and hotel swimming pooling with permission of management and lifeguard on duty are authorized for swimming. A swimming area is authorized when:

(1) Qualified lifeguards are on duty. The lifeguards will possess a current American Red Cross (ARC) Advanced Lifesaving Certificate, ARC Water Safety Instructor Certification or equivalent host country certification.

(2) Sufficient lifesaving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities, protective devices, etc., are available.

(3) The area meets sanitary standards prescribed in TB MED 575.

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b. Swimming and bathing areas which do not meet the minimum criteria in para 4a are considered off limits: all unguarded natural bodies of water, i.e. lakes, rivers, canals, gravel pits, ponds, fish farms, fountains, reservoirs and streams.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Commanders will:

(1) Direct personnel to swim only in authorized swimming areas.

(2) Inform personnel about safe swimming practices and the dangers inherent in swimming and boating after the consumption of alcohol or other intoxicants.

(3) Ensure this policy and a list of declared off limits swimming areas is posted on unit bulletin boards for personnel to review.

(4) Encourage persons requiring swim training (weak or new swimmers) to take lessons through local organizations certified to provide such training. Contact local swimming clubs for information.

b. Water Safety must be included during initial orientations of newly assigned personnel.

c. Sponsors will inform family members accordingly. Water Safety films are available for unit and Family Readiness Group use at the Installation Safety Office.

d. Personnel using public, approved swimming facilities will ensure proper and safe behavior for themselves, their family members, and guests.

6. Personnel wishing to swim at locates outside the USAG Schinnen should visit the USAG web page for the area where the swimming facility is located for additional water safety information.

7. Point of Contact for this action is the USAG Schinnen Installation Safety Office at 360-7270. This policy is available at <http://www.usagschinnen.eur.army.mil/sites/installation/safety.asp>



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